

House Resolution 1740 (AM)

By: Representatives Martin of the 47th and Golick of the 34th

A RESOLUTION

1 To create the House Public and Legal Notices Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, for many years, the State of Georgia has utilized newspapers as its primary
3 means of providing the public with notice of governmental actions and legal matters; and

4 WHEREAS, in today's electronic age, the Internet is increasingly becoming the medium by
5 which most people obtain information on a variety of topics including current events and
6 government; and

7 WHEREAS, the subscriber base for many newspapers is decreasing in favor of other media
8 for information distribution; and

9 WHEREAS, the posting of notices of governmental action and notices of legal matters is a
10 matter of no small significance in that such postings constitute notice to all persons of the
11 contents of such notices and the failure of a person actually to view such notices is not a
12 defense to the giving of such notice under the law; and

13 WHEREAS, the posting of such notices fixes certain legal rights and responsibilities and has
14 a significant legal result on the positions of individuals; and

15 WHEREAS, in light of the importance placed on public and legal notices in informing the
16 public of governmental actions and legal matters, a study of the manner of giving such
17 notices is needed.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 there is created the House Public and Legal Notices Study Committee to be composed of six
20 members of the House appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The
21 Speaker shall designate one of the members of the committee to serve as chairperson of the
22 committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
2 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
3 or legislation that the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
4 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
5 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
6 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
7 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative
8 committees but shall receive the same for not more than three days unless additional days are
9 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
10 from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event that the committee
11 makes a report of its findings and recommendations with suggestions for proposed
12 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2008. The
13 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2008.